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Happy New Year**



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December 19

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**"Don't stop, thinking about tomorrow.****Don't stop, it'll soon be here. It'll be here, better than before.****Yesterday's gone, yesterday's gone!"**

LINDSEY BUCKINGHAM

# PRSIDENTS RAM..by Lee Musial

## SEASON'S GREETINGS!

Well, how do we look? This is the first newsletter from our new Editor, Andy Learner. Let's all take a moment to give a round of kudos to both Andy Learner & Dr. Armin Baier; two members that decided to come forward at a time that our club needed it the most! Thanks should also go out to member David Landskron for adding to the ST Supplemental Library excellent picture disks.

Dave mentioned at the last meeting that if there is enough interest that he would add a total of over 70 disks!

**Other User Groups News:**

In the past month I had the pleasure of attending the meetings for both MAST & LCACE. At MAST's meeting both President Bob Carpenter & myself talked about ways that both our clubs can work together to do more for the local Atari community. Bob also came to MilAtari's last meeting to talk further.

Next, across the border at LCACE's meeting, President Steve Kostelnik made an offer to both MilAtari & MAST members to join their Christmas Party Swap Fest on December 12th starting at Noon. It will be held at the Waukegan Public Library Auditorium at 128 North County in Downtown Waukegan. Please bring a food dish to share, if you plan on attending.

If anyone would like more information, please give me a call at 462-7557. Speaking for MilAtari, I can say that we will be there in force! I would advise to any Atarian that reads this and would like to either buy or sell some Atari hardware or software to consider checking this out!

**At the next MilAtari meeting we will have our Christmas Party.** All members are asked to bring a dish to pass. We will supply the soda, coffee, plates and silverware. In addition, we will be having prizes for members and not one, but TWO SIG's! This month Andy Learner will have part two of his well-attended CALAMUS SIG and Ms. Michelle Gross will give a SIG on the GENIE Travel Service.

Lastly, I'd like to send out congratulations to Jeff and Jacayln Davis, who own and operate New Dimensions. In November they where blessed with a baby boy, named Tyler. How about that: a baby Atarian!

I look forward to seeing

YOU **ALL** on the 19th!

Happy Holidays from your Prez!

Lee



# MAC ATTACK

by: Bob Garlock

## Spectre ...

When I first started down loading Mac P.D. software for the library it was like finding a lone apple tree just laden with ripe fruit. The Spectre system was powered by the 128K ROMs and we could run heads up with the Mac Plus. Well, it looks like father time has finally caught up to this part of the Atari world.

The last update to the Spectre software was on January 7, 1991. That was almost two years ago, for those of you who are without your trusty ST and can't figure that out on your own. Things have basically been stagnant with no promises for any updates in the foreseeable future, if ever.

The Mac world has been anything but stagnant. Color systems or now the norm and the ROMs are 512K. The Mac Power Books are becoming popular and new hardware is becoming available at a ever faster rate. There are some mail order houses that are closing out Mac Plus computers for less than the Spectre with the roms. Apple is on the move and they aren't looking back!

To make a long story short, as the Mac world moves onward and upward, the level of Mac computing that the Spectre emulates is becoming more and more out of date. This becomes apparent when trying to find good Spectre programs to down load. They are becoming rare as Mac people upgrade and move on. I'm sure there will come a time when writing good Spectre level software will become as popular as writing for the TI-99. Dave Small, where are you?

## Politics ...

Now that the elections are over and a Democrat is about to become president a statement by our former Democratic president Jimmy Carter comes to mind. President Carter once stated that "Politics is the world's second oldest occupation, closely related to the first."

## Macs In Business ...

Macs are definitely making inroads into the business world. My wife works at A.O. Smith and they have gone 100% to the Macs. Where I work we use IBMs and assorted clones. Recently we have installed three high powered Macs and also incorporated them into the Novell networking system. Using a Mac at work was kind of like having an ST. You just couldn't be taken seriously. That, is no longer the case. Sometimes I reflect that the ST could have progressed along this path if marketed properly and development continued with products that people actually wanted.

The latest thing on these big Macs nowadays is IBM emulation believe it or not. I guess if you can't beat 'em, you join 'em. One thing we are seeing finally is some back lash to the constant upgrade scenario. It used to be that about once or twice a year the companies that make the popular software would come out with an upgrade. They would promise better features and fewer problems. Some times they told the truth and sometimes they didn't. Either way you plunked down some money to find out, and most of us did.

The amount of money these upgrades cost used to be small. That was then, this is now, and now costs more. Someone figured out that if they kept putting out upgrades and kept increasing the cost, they could get rich. So the upgrades kept

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# ST Public Domain

Dennis Wilson

## ST P.D. DISKS ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY FOR DECEMBER 1992

MilAtari Ltd. St Public Domain Library Disks are available at the meeting at a price of \$1.75 per disk for Disks 1-300, which are single-sided, and \$3.50 per disk for Disks 301 up, which are double-sided. All disks are available through mail order for an additional \$.50 per disk. Special package prices may also be in effect at club meetings for certain disks or quantities of disks. The charge for the disks covers the cost of the media and handling, with all proceeds going to support the activities activities of MilAtari Ltd.

Some of the programs on these disks have been released as shareware and are so documented in the programs themselves. MilAtari Ltd. supports the shareware concept and you are encouraged to make donations to the individual authors should you find their programs useful.

The MilAtari PD Libraries are intended to provide a repository for useful and interesting programs, and each file is tested before inclusion on the disk. We believe that each file is worthy of your consideration. No warranty is expressed nor implied, however, as to their content or usability. Defective disks will be gladly replaced. These disks are made available for sale at the the monthly club meeting and may be ordered in advance by posting a message in the Library Lounge on the club BBS. Librarians of other clubs are encouraged to contact our ST Librarian concerning trading of programs in their respective libraries.

## DISK 391 - UTILITY DISK

**DCSALVAG:** DC Salvage - Ever have a file that you can't copy because of a bad sector in the middle of the file? What to do, what to do? This program will read a file in one sector at a time until all that can be read in is read in. Then the file will be copied to a destination of your choosing.

**DEGAS2PS:** Degas-to-Post Script - A Degas Picture to Post Script compatible file converter.

**FRACTALM:** Fractal Music Composer Demonstration -

A selection of programs which allow the infinitely varied patterns of fractals to be translated into sound. This infinite variety contains no randomness, just endless patterns with no copyright attached! Fractal Music Composer consists of three main programs: 1) Mandelbrot Set Composer generates music for up to 4 instruments playing together, 2) Julia Set Composer creates 4-part music, but also draws 4 Julia set fractal images, one for each instrument, as the music plays, and 3) Mandelbrot Set Zoom Program is for exploring the Mandelbrot set. These programs apparently require a MIDI keyboard.



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**MACHFSRD:** Mac HFS Disk Reader - A Mac to Atari file converter. Reads off Mac Formatted floppy disks, DMA/ACSI Hard Drives, and SCSI Hard drives.

**NBM:** The Ness Benchmark V1.2 - A program for Atari ST/STe/TT computers, in any resolution. NBM runs five tests, timing their duration, for use in comparing the speed of the machine with other Atari computers. It includes a Compare function, which contains a database of previously tested Atari computers of various configurations. This allows the user to compare results with other people's machines. It also includes a Print function, allowing the user to print the results of each test.

**SCAN4PIC:** SCAN for Pictures - A program which allows you to examine program (and data) files for hidden pictures, and then save them out as DEGAS compatible.

**DISK 392 - UTILITY DISK**

**ASCII2WW:** ASCII to Word Writer Conversion Kit - A utility which allows you to take an ASCII text file and convert it to something Word Writer ST can format. This utility's output file should also work in First Word (Plus). This is an improvement over an earlier program. It allows you to select striping leading spaces, strip non-printables, and strip CR paragraphs. You are a line length of the output.

**CF4DEMO:** Cardfile 4 Demo - Highlights of CardFile 4 include: 1) Address Book, 2) Personal Notes, 3) Phone Dialer, 4) Mailing Labels, 5) Daily Agenda & Appointments, 6) Monthly Calendar, Printing of Address Books, Phone Lists, Mailing Labels, and can even Address Envelopes (including the Return Address), 7) Data Exchange of Address Cards with most popular address book programs, including Tracker ST, Partner ST, and DeskCart.

**CONVRT2I:** Converter V2.1 - A program which will allow you to easily convert English measurements to Metric Measurements, or the other way around! New to this version are creation of a window for the input/output screen, color program now has color, and the addition of Pounds per square inch and Kilopascals for pressure conversion.

**ECOPY:** Extended Copy and Append - A program which allows you to copy a file larger than a floppy disk to many floppy disks and to rebuild it from those disks. The program will do a regular file copy as well.

**FRSTWRD:** First Word Plus V2.02 (UK) by GST, Cambridge England - Another version of this popular word processor seems to have been released into the public domain. Packed with features, it writes Word Writer-compatible files.

**LABEL2:** Label it V2.0 - A program to produce custom labels for 3.5" disks. It is designed to use tractor fed labels on Epson 9 and 24 pin compatibles. With it, you can type in 9 lines on a disk label, plus type a line on the "over-the-top flap of the label. The screen shows the label exactly as it will appear printed out.

**MCQUIZ:** Rad Quiz Program - A program for constructing your own vocabulary quiz. You input a list of words and definitions, and the program then quizzes you on them. One use would be to help with foreign language learning.

**WORD5.4:**

A simple program to convert Word Perfect 5.0 files to Atari ST 4.1 version of the same file. It will not really convert too many of the new features in WP 5.0, but will get you most of the text and most of the formatting.

**DISK 393 - GAME DISK**

**DROID:** DROID - The ultimate game of destruction is here! The objective is simple, to fight your way through the hordes of enemy robots and artillery to break free from the myriad of caverns in which you have become lost. To do this you must collect all the electronic key devices (EKD's) to be found scattered around the caverns. A side-view scrolling platform-type arcade game.

**MOONLORD:** Moonlord ST - A role-playing game where you are the captain of a starship. There are two levels of play, novice and expert. After selecting your level, you'll see the inter-galactic map. Each square in the grid is one sector of the galactic milieu, and hidden within these 144 sectors are the 50 alien craft you must locate and destroy. There are two starbases you can dock with, to stock up on supplies and make repairs. Just like the aliens, they're randomly placed at the beginning of each game, forcing you to explore. To win the game, you must locate and destroy all 50 alien craft. You have only 100 Galactic Standard Days in which to complete your mission. It'll take careful conservation of supplies and planned movement to win.

**MUMBO:** Mumbo Jumbo - A word search generator game. Monochrome only.

**SPACECRU:** Space Crusade Demo - A demo of a role playing game. In this one, you control a Space Marine Chapter consisting of a commander and 4 marines. Choose from a variety of hi-tech equipment. Play in plan view or 3D isometric.

**TESERAE:** Teserae - Tetris with variations. It has got a few little features that hope fully add up to a nice game. It has rasters behind the blocks, a scroller, a byte-bending logo, and also has the infamous eye & brain-straining background scroller. It's only got 6 levels, but these are whopping great levels that get exponentially harder!

**DISK 394 - GAME DISK**

**CHAOS:** Included on this disk are 10 Degas pictures showing maps of the levels from the role playing game Chaos Strikes Back. This game is the sequel to Dungeon Master.

**MAJONG:** Majong Solitaire V3.01 Demo - This demo is a sampler of the new program. It has 3 layouts with a winable game for each, 3 tile sets, and 3 tablecloths. With these, you can try out all the new features which are included.

**PSYCHO:** Psycho Worlds - A rip snorting lightening fast arcade game. This is an overhead-view game which you have to rescue people from the mad psychos racing across the screen. In this game, there are 3 worlds, Land, Sea, and Space. In land, you have to avoid being run over by psychos while rescuing pedestrians by picking them up in your car. In Sea, you have to pick up swimmers in your speedboat. In Space, you rescue astronauts in your space ship. Each world has four levels of difficulty. For a shareware contribution, you can get 3 extra worlds and a Psycho Worlds Construction Set.





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**DISKS 395 - 397 UTILITY DEMO DISKS**

Disks 395 through 397 contain a demo of HyperLINK plus a number of applications that have written to work with it. So what is HyperLINK? HyperLINK can be viewed as quite a number of things. Most simply, it is a managing program for any number of HyperLINK Applications and Modules. A HyperLINK Application can be something as simple as a flat filing system, or as complex as a mini word processor or relational database. A HyperLINK Module is more of a "tool", for use by HyperLINK Applications in manipulating or collecting data, or controlling external devices or actions. The true power of HyperLINK lies in its Hypertext-like capabilities. HYPERTEXT is a system developed mostly in 1970's that aspires to replace normal, linear text with some smaller text topics "linked" to each other. Interestingly this system can be applied beyond simply text to encompass data, graphics, sound, and external control as well. These days, this is popularly called Multi-media.

The following Hyperlink databases are contained on these disks:

**Disk 395**

**BBAL\_HAP:** Baseball - Clicking on the camera icon calls up the information from the card number field and the program then looks for a graphic file, an image of the player, along with that number as the file name. The STATS button calls up a link to a text file with the file name matching the card number.

**COINBOOK:** Collectors Coin Book V1.01 - A database for coin collectors. Value of coins are given.

**INV\_HAP:** Inventory - An inventory database.

**MENUHAP:** Menu Maker - This hap will help you to write menus for meals. You can write a weeks worth and then print them out to stick on the frig. The databases can be filled with items you like, which you can then flip through. The notes hap gives you the main ingredients you will need, the location of the recipe, if needed, and any important notes.

**MSG\_ADR:** Message and Address book database. The address records are shown as rolodex cards, and the message cards are shown as telephone message slips.

**Disk 396**

**SOFTWR11:** A database of software you own. Mention is made of reminders to make shareware contributions.

**STATT20:** A hyperlink application concerning a disk-based newsletter.

**WHEELS20:** A database concerning bicycle wheels.

**WINES:** A database of wines, categorised by country.

**Disk 397**

**NOTE\_HAP:** Works like a little notebook you carry in your pocket. This notebook is set up as a "Things to Do" list.

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**RACER202:** Database of a log for bicycle racers, including miles driven and odometer readings each week.

**REPAIR:** Repair and maintenance for a bicycle owner.

**SHARWR13:** A database concerning shareware programs.

Also on the latter disk are:

**CF4DEMO:** Cardfile 4 Demo - See description under Disk 392 above. Included here to allow you to compare this program, which is a straight-up cardfile program, with Hyperlink.

**FPCU22:** File to Pack Converter V2.2 - A fairly simple but useful program that will allow you to quickly select a directory of files and pack each selected file into a separate pressed file. It can use any STZIP, LHARC, or ARC to do the compression. Each resulting file will have the original filename with the appropriate extender depending on the compression utility used. Note that this program is a shell and requires STZIP, LHARC, and ARC to work. The latter files are not included on this disk, but are located elsewhere in the library.

**MONOWINE:** The Wine Makers' Recipe Database - A database for winemakers. Mono only.

**DISK 398 - MILATARI CHRISTMAS DISK VI**

This disk contains the sound and graphic program "The Snowman". Digitized pictures of the story of the children and the snowman are shown while music plays in the background. Sound Digitized by STReplay4 and vision digitized by The Grabber.

**Disk 399 - MILATARI CHRISTMAS DISK VII**

This disk contains the sound and graphic program "Meditree". A picture of several pine trees are shown, one being decorated. The lights on the decorated tree blink. Snow is shown falling, accumulating at the bottom of the screen. The latter is an unusual effect. Meanwhile, Christmas songs play in the background. The disk has 110 songs with the .MID extender. These songs play one after another. Any .MID song which you already have can also be played with this program. Songs can be bypassed if desired. The songs play either through the ST's speaker, or through a MIDI keyboard.

**DISK 400 - MILATARI CHRISTMAS DISK VIII**

A Christmas Disk for Desktop Publishing enthusiasts. This disk contains 45 .CVG fonts for Calamus, 5 borders, and 3 Christmas oriented image files. The image files were scanned by Dwight Johnson, and the .CVG files were provided by Michelle Gross, both MilAtari members.

**CHRISTMAS SALE SPECIAL**

To get everyone in to the Christmas spirit, we will be "rolling back" our prices to the "Show prices" of this last year. The following prices will be in effect for the December meeting ONLY: Single-sided club PD disks will be \$1.50, double-sided disk \$2.50, 5-Disk Packages \$11, and 8-Disk Packages \$18. The 5-disk MilAtari Christmas Package I will be available in it's red plastic box. As a special, we'll be offering an 8-disk package of the eight MilAtari Christmas disks for \$15. This will be boxed in a cardboard mailer container. All other MilAtari packages will be available. These include DTP, Spectre, IBM packages, plus the 5-Disk Catalog and Library Disk Package. This is the time to buy something for the STer in your family. All packages contain distinctive labels designed by Dr. Armin Baier, a MilAtari member.



## ST PD

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As most of you know, we have been selling off our on-hand stock of Disks 1-300 at rock-bottom prices. This is being done as a stock-reduction measure. These disks will be made up when ordered. The on-hand stuff was being sold for \$1 a disk. For the December meeting only, we will offer the remaining on-hand disks for \$.50 a piece, 3 for \$1. After that meeting, we will peel off the old labels (I task I really HATE!) and reuse the disks. At these prices, you can use them for blank disks. I'm going to be really disappointed folks, if there are any left at the end of the meeting!

See you at the December meeting!

If not, Merry Christmas and We'll see you in the New Year!

Dennis Wilson ST PD Librarian

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coming, with more features nobody really wanted or could understand and at a cost where you could buy a complete new package from a mail order discounter for less than the upgrade.

Well users finally figured this out and said "Thanks, but no thanks". They were satisfied with the performance of their current version and just said "NO!". Well software companies were aghast. Of course software companies aren't dumb. Now they put out their software that are missing some obvious and needed modules. They announce that these will be available in the upcoming versions. for a slight additional fee, of course. We'll see what happens in Act II.

A P.D. disk a day keeps the blues away ...

**The October Disks ...**

**Galactic Trader** - Your great grand father united the twenty planets, but the current emperor is strangling it for his benefit. You must raise one billion credits in order to finance a revolution to save the crumbling empire. The only way to do so is to become a Trader, roaming the galaxy, buying low, selling high, and always looking for a deal. Watch out, pirates abound, and assassins on Terra are trying to reap a huge reward for

your early demise. To be continued...

**NFL Pro Predictor** - With this program you can figure out who will win the football games each week. Trust me. The program includes a "Vegas Style" betting module and an injury adjust system. You can archive data back to 1970 and it includes the 1987 through 1991 seasons. The 1992 season is formatted for input. If you make a lot of money betting on this program's results, let me know and I'll split it with you.

**The November Disks ...**

**Version 2.2** - This little utility looks at all the files, DAs, control panels, INITs and extensions and gives a nice report on what version number you have. Great work. Somebody write me an ST version, please!

**Midway** - A strategic war game kinda like the SSI variation. Graphics are poor but the game plays OK. The author also advertises expansion modules are available for sending in the shareware fee.

**Zork Dungeon** - This is like the old Infocomm text adventure game. It seems that those guys got the idea from one of the college main frame computers. This version has been ported from a DEC system. It looks good but look out for the thief.

**Basic Language** - A simple BASIC language that looks like an MS variation. Great for those simple little jobs. For all you closet BASIC hackers.

## ST Supplemental P.D. Disks

by: Bill Janutka

**DISKS S075-S078 PICTURES (DSE, IMEG)**

Four more disks of pictures in the GIF and MAC format. The viewer (VIEWGIF1.PRG) is contained on disks S075 and S077. All four disks contain pictures relating to the space program.

**Disk S075 Apollo Program**

**Disk S076 Miscellaneous Spacecraft**

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## From The Editor!

by: Andy Learner

**H**ere I am! I could only stay out of the Atari Publishing business for soooo long... then I am drawn back in. Why? I'm glad you asked! One of the reasons of course is that old worn Atari slogan "Power.. Without The Price".

Now that doesn't seem so, once you start adding up the price of the Atari Laser printer, a minimum of 4 megs of memory, a hard drive, a flatbed scanner and what seems (to us thrifty Atarians anyway) to be rather pricey software. So there might just be a few thousand dollars invested.. Yikes!!! Did he say thousands?? Yes I did! Sorry, that may not be in most of your vocabularies, when it comes to your computer or the monies you ever dreamed of spending.

And yes, it is true that the other platforms that handle graphics, Desk Top Publishing, and all the other computer tasks we have become so dependent on, have come way down in price. But how much bang for the buck is there, and does it compare fairly?

I will tell you one thing I will not budge from. When I sit at the Mega4, and only wait a short (usually less) minute to see a crisp laser print output from the SLM 804. I use Calamus from DITEK (what I also use for the layout and printing of this newsletter). I haven't used any other faster system. Well the NeXT is faster if you must know, but then a comparably equipped setup is around \$20,000+.

Speaking of fast speed a fellow mentioned, that his 16meg 486 P.C. spit

stuff with graphics, out of the printer darn fast. As it should, but have you priced a 40mhz P.C. or for that matter, what does 16 megs of ram cost?

By the way, if you are only running from floppy drives, you will be amazed how much easier and more fun a hard drive makes things. One SIG soon, will be to disassemble then reassemble a hard drive. It's really very easy to make one yourself. T.J. Girsch brought on in a literal "shoe box", to the last meeting.

I hope you all enjoyed the Calamus Sig I held at the last meeting. For those that couldn't make it, we had 3 computers set up. J.J. Johnson brought his Stacy, Bruce Rahlf and his wife attended, and brought their 1040, and I demoed with the Clubs Mega4 (which turns out to be a Mega2! We couldn't run the laser printer because it takes 4 megs with that program).

## CALAMUS SIG \*UPDATE\*

I started to get into the guts of how the newsletter was put together, but I backed off quickly. WOA!!! they said, "Let's see something, like from the beginning!"

So I went through the different key functions, I have programmed in my CAL\_HELP.ARC file on the BBS's.

This is an adjusted file to put into the System folder that will automate many of the key functions used in the program.

I think the reception was pretty good, by all who attended. I hope that everyone who comes next time, will participate by bringing a computer to try things on, although it isn't mandatory. It just makes it easy and fun!

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## Just the facts Man!

...or, How Went GenCon!

by Bruce Rahlf

In case you're interested here are a few facts from Midi Maze Gen Con 1992. This will show you what our members had in store for them during the four days, remember that this is just the Midi Maze rings, it does not include the Lynx or open gaming. If you like number crunching you'll love what's next.

In the four days we ran 122 Midi rings. That amounts to about 1,888 seats that were taken. These rings ran from 8:00am to 10:30pm Thursday through Saturday and 8:00am to 3:00pm Sunday.

Of the 1,888 seats taken there were only 739 players, that means lots of multiple players.

Of the 739 players:

120 played twice; 60 played three; 36 played four; 27 played five; 21 played six; 12 played seven; 9 played eight; 4 played nine; 4 played ten; 7 played eleven; 5 played twelve; 2 played thirteen; 3 played fourteen; 4 played fifteen; 2 played sixteen; 2 played seventeen; 1 played nineteen; 2 played twenty and the player with the most playing time 24 rounds. That leaves 417 players that at least tried Midi Maze once.

Now going to the winners, we had 43 different winners over the four days. We had a tie for the most rounds won, which happened to be eight. The winners were, Paul Lambeck of Southgate, MI and Ray Stakenas II of Livonia, MI, both did a great job. Paul won 8 out of 12 rounds and Ray won 8 out of 14 rounds played. I'd hate to be in a ring against them!

What does this all boil down to? Long hours and hard work, without the membership helping out this wouldn't be possible.

Maybe next year you might even consider

lending a hand. It's a great way to meet lots of people, they come from as far as the East and West coasts and everywhere in between. Would I do it again? Sure, why not!

Thanks to all who came to help and even more to those that participated, for without you this wouldn't have happened!!

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